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U.S. NOT TO BE COMMITTED TO WAR BY ATLANTIC PACT

Condition Of Mr Walter Keates "Unchanged"

Late this morning the Queen Mary Hospital authorities intimated that the condition of Mr Walter Keates, editor-in-chief of the China Mail, who was seriously injured when knocked down by a tram in Des Voeux Road Central last night, remains unchanged.

Mr Keates was admitted to the hospital last night in what was described as a critical condition.

The full nature and extent of his injuries have not yet been determined, but he is known to have suffered severe injuries to the head.

Bunche's New Proposal

Rhodes, Feb. 14.—The United Nations acting Mediator for Palestine, Dr Ralph Bunche, has proposed neutrality for Al Auja, Beersheba and Bir Aslur, the three controversial centres which have been holding up the Israeli Egyptian armistice negotiations.

It was learned authoritatively on Monday that Mr Bunche's proposal was incorporated in working papers submitted to the two delegations on January 31, and that the Egyptians have accepted it. Their acceptance is described as "a major concession" by a United Nations official.

The Israeli delegation is contacting Tel-Aviv as to whether to concede the neutrality of these three strategic points which Israeli troops captured in their December offensive.

A source close to the Egyptians indicated that the Israeli delegation so far appears willing to accept the proposal.—Associated Press.

LORRY PLUNGES INTO RAVINE

Rome, Feb. 14.—Seven people were killed and 27 injured when a lorry load of people crashed into a ravine near Ancona on Sunday night, Ansa the Italian news agency reported on Monday.

Of the 40 people aboard the truck, only six escaped injury. The party had been to a meeting in a village near Ancona.—Associated Press.

No Automatic Legal Or Moral Obligation

SENATE LEADERS DEFINE THEIR POLICY

Washington, Feb. 14.—The Senate's foreign policy leaders served notice today that the North Atlantic pact would not bind the United States to go to war if a European ally was attacked. Senators Tom Connally (Democrat) and Arthur Vandenberg (Republican) defined that position in answer to a speech by Senator Forrest C. Donnell.

Senator Donnell told the Senate the pact now being negotiated might be interpreted as a "moral commitment to fight." Senator Vandenberg replied that he believed the American negotiators were reserving expressly the right of this country to decide for itself whether or not to go to war.

Senator Connally, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, broke into the debate to make his own stand clear. He said the Committee on Foreign Relations would never approve or adopt any language in the treaty that said the United States would go to war when one nation in Europe was attacked.

He added that there should be no moral or legal commitment in the treaty that could plunge this country into war automatically, but he said a lot of people in and out of the Government wanted such a pledge in the pact, which the United States is negotiating with Britain, Canada, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.

The key action clause has not yet been drafted in final form, but State Department sources here indicated it would give each signatory the right to decide its own course in the event one of them is attacked.

Senator Vandenberg told the Senate the right to declare war would "remain here" in Congress, but he said that a declaration of community of interest between the United States and the Western European powers would be an "infinite assurance" against a Third World War. He said the existence of such a pact in 1944 and 1939 might have forestalled World Wars I and II because it would have warned Kaiser Wilhelm and Hitler of the possibility of American action.

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laid down in the Western Hemisphere security pact.

Senator Donnell asked: "Then can I understand you to mean that there will not be any decision to fight without proper action by this body?"

Senator Vandenberg: "Correct."

Senator William Knowland (Republican) broke in to assert that the United States "can no longer be unmoved by an overt act of aggression anywhere."

"We cannot sit back twiddling our thumbs while a nation after nation is overrun by an aggressive power," he said.

He added, unless the United States was prepared to take affirmative action, "We might find the Iron Curtain extended not only to the English Channel but perhaps beyond."—United Press.

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The Times, more friendly in its attitude, said, "Historically, perhaps, the European countries have been inclined to sign pacts and to think what they meant afterwards. That is not the American way."—United Press.

WANTS FIGURES

Washington, Feb. 14.—Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, Republican foreign policy leader, today asked President Truman for the cost estimate on armaments the United States plans to send to Western Europe.

Senator Vandenberg said in an interview that Congress should know the approximate cost of the projected military lend-lease programme before it passed on the \$5,580,000,000 request for new Marshall plan funds.

The development followed weekend suggestions from Senator Vandenberg and others that falling farm prices may make it possible to cut foreign recovery spending.

The ECA Chief, Mr Paul G. Hoffman, who will be asked to review his figures in the light of recent price breaks, regards them as irreducible.

The arms supply programme is designed to bolster the pending North Atlantic security pact and to back up economic aid. Its cost is estimated unofficially at between \$1,000,000,000 to \$2,000,000,000.

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EUROPEAN REACTION

London, Feb. 14.—Millions of Europeans were told by their newspapers today that the United States was trying to reduce the Atlantic defence pact in its final stages to a mere scrap of paper.

Europeans generally, and Britons especially, were bombarded with newspaper headlines which, if stripped to their real meaning, would say: "The United States Welches."

Partly because of the secret diplomacy surrounding negotiations, according to some Western diplomats, the Europeans had been led to believe that the United States was prepared to make commitments in the pact which actually it had never considered and could not make under its constitution.

Today's headlines and editorials stemmed from two things:

1. Reports that the United States wants to make its military commitment in the Atlantic Pact general and not precise.

2. The situation in the Scandinavian countries, which are under pressure from the West to join the pact and from Russia to stay out. The blame for this situation was placed entirely on the United States. The Daily Express headline said: "Atlantic Pact Cracks—U.S. Pledge watered down still more."

DISSATISFACTION
The Daily Mail, in a first page editorial, called on the British Government to give Norway military guarantees which it said the U.S. had refused. The Scotsman, of Edinburgh, said in a dispatch from Washington that there was intense dissatisfaction in European circles at the last-minute American proposals to limit U.S. commitments.

"The view expressed here is that the proposals water down what was intended to be a full and forthright military alliance into a less powerful instrument comparable in some respects to the ill-fated Kellogg Pact," it said.

The Manchester Guardian said the United States could "hardly be proud of some recent passages. Its apparent retreat behind the shelter of the Senate's authority should have been avoidable and much mis-understanding... in Europe been prevented. The United States should not have forced the pace. If it were not able to produce the goods."

London, Feb. 14.—No Government involved in the proposed North Atlantic Pact discussions had yet committed itself to any military obligations. Mr. Hector McNeil, Minister of State, said today when replying to questions in the House of Commons.

He added that it would soon be possible to give the House some information on the subject.

Mr. McNeil assured the House that though it was not yet certain what form the pact would take it would be consistent with the purposes and the principles of the United Nations Charter.

Asked whether Elmo was to be invited to join the Atlantic Pact discussions, Mr. McNeil replied that it was not possible. In the present state of the negotiations to say which countries would eventually be likely to join the pact.

He made no reply when asked whether the defence of Elmo was not a very important item in the defence of Western Europe and whether Elmo intended to defend herself.

Mr. McNeil further stated that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, was anxious to make a statement on the pact as soon as possible.—WHEN the state of the negotiations has reached a conclusive stage.—Reuters.

Terrorists Slay Briton

Singapore, Feb. 15.—Mr. F. E. W. Harrison, Assistant Manager of the Somme Estate in Kullim, Kedah State, was shot dead on Monday morning while driving South to Kullim.

A volley of insurgent bullets hit his car and Mr. Harrison got out and hid in a ditch. When the firing ceased, he was found with a bullet through his head.

The police found Mr. Harrison's car bullet ridden and the body lying in a swamp with several shots in the chest.

Mr. Harrison was a former member of the British Army wartime force 136 which operated in Malaya against the Japanese.

He was parachuted into the jungle of the Perak State in 1943 to join other European planters organising guerrilla bands.—Associated Press.

Offensive Against Karen

EXPECTED TO BE LAUNCHED SOON

Rangoon, Feb. 14.—Government troops were expected to launch a big offensive against the Karen rebels in the Insein sector, North of Rangoon, on Monday and thus break a week-end lull in the Burma fighting.

According to Government sources, regular troops including Kachins, Chin and Gurkhas are expected to strike at the rebels under cover of an air umbrella.

Monday commenced the third week of the Insein sector fighting which broke out when the Karen disobeyed a Government call to surrender their arms.

New fires on Monday burned in the Karen stronghold of Khawalay, south of Insein, following an aerial bombardment by Burmese Spitfires early on Monday morning.

KAREN RETREATING

The Karen are reported to be retreating to Tyosmen, one mile South of Insein, following a heavy attack by regular troops under the protection of heavy artillery fire.

Meanwhile, in Rangoon, Government employees were dismissed for disobeying orders to return to duty. Anti-Government demonstrations broke through police cordons to surround Government House and prevent local workers from entering the building.

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Li Tsung-Jen Winning Political Tug-o-War

MANY NATIONALIST LEADERS RETURNING TO NANKING

Shanghai, Feb. 15.—Acting President Li Tsung-jen today is emerging victor in the government tug-of-war with Premier Sun Fo. Both facts and rumour pointed clearly to the victory for the Acting President in efforts to keep the capital in Nanking as long as there is the slightest glimmer of hope for peace with the Reds.

The facts are these: Tung Kwan-hsien, President of the Legislative Yuan, Yu Yu-pen, President of the Control Yuan, Liu Che, Vice-President of the Control Yuan, and General Ho Ying-chin, former Minister of National Defence on whom Premier Sun Fo reliably counted to take the job as Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalists in South China to continue the fight—all returned to Nanking.

The Deputy Premier and current Foreign Minister, Mr. Wu Te-ch'en, sent word from Canton by Tung that he likewise is returning to Nanking in a few days.

An informal meeting of Legislative Yuan members in Nanking voted unanimously to keep the law-making seat in Nanking.

A United Press report from Canton said that Legislators there admitted a possible quorum now in Nanking and they are waiting in their decision to stay in Canton. Shanghai legislators are meeting today or tomorrow to decide which way to go.

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from Nanking. Government troops are still in defence positions at Pukow, somewhere north from where Chen Yi's massed Red columns are marking time.

THE PEACE FRONT

On the actual peace front, the major development was the delayed arrival in Peiping of the Shanghai mission headed by Dr. W. Y. Yen. The plane left Shanghai on Sunday morning but was held overnight at Tsingtao because of a faulty engine. The Shanghai legislators are meeting today or tomorrow to decide which way to go.

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More than 20 members of the KMT Central Committee voted to invite the Generalissimo to start a party reform movement.

Fang Chih, director of the Shanghai KMT headquarters, was chairman of the group which met at the City Bank Building.—Associated Press.

MARTIAL LAW

Shanghai, February 15.—Martial law was proclaimed in Foochow by the Fukien Provincial Headquarters reports the American owned Post-Mercury.

Regulations require strict control of all travel involving residents certificates for foreigners.—Associated Press.

Kwok Kwong Sentenced To Eighteen Months Hard Labour

Remarking that he could not overlook the extreme seriousness of the type of crime, Mr Justice Reynolds at the Criminal Sessions this morning passed sentence of eighteen months' hard labour on Kwok Kwong, 47, foreman, convicted by a jury on Friday night on four counts of theft of public servant and one of obtaining money by false pretences from the steward of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

It will be recalled that Austin Spary, 50, electrical inspector, grade I, was acquitted on all eleven counts, Kwok being found Not Guilty on six charges.

Kwok's sentence is to date from the day of his arrest, August 11, last year. His Lordship said that he took into account the fact that Kwok had been of good character up to the date of this case and the fact that he would lose his pension and his job.

In an eloquent plea in mitigation on behalf of Kwok, Mr. Percy Chen, who was instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ for the defence, said that the case was of a new and particular nature. In like manner we were living in after a great war had been fought and also when the territory in which we were involved in that war and when consider-

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Novelty Lamps For The Home

By ELIZABETH TOOHEY

If you judge by size, you're getting more for your money in the latest modern lamps. They're bigger.

"We are making some of our table lamps 30 inches high," commented one manufacturer at the New York lamp show, "and that's a lot of lamp."

The shades are deeper, but narrower. Many of the new designs have plastic or parchment shades measuring up to 18 inches deep.

Few new lamp fashions showed up in the hundreds of models on display at the show. The only thing to leave a visitor murmuring in wonder was the amount of electricity that must be used to keep a lamp display burning on seven hotel floors.

Plastic and fibre glass shades promise to be the most durable of all lamp coverings. The two materials are combined to make beautiful shades which are resistant to almost any stain, the heat, to light and even to lipstick. The cost is less than half that of a genuine parchment shade.

Plenty Of Variety

For families who like novelty designs as well as light with their lamps, the future holds plenty of variety. Weird wood cutouts in free shapes come both in natural wood and brilliant colours. There's a floor lamp made to resemble a coachman's lantern. Plastic wire screen is used for the bottom of the lantern, with a red plastic fabric hooded top.

Three grinning fish are piled up on a wavy sea blue base to form the base of an inexpensive modern lamp. And for the children, the popular merry-go-round lamp has been animated. A motor-like that in a children's phonograph is put in the base of the lamp with a switch separate from the lamp switch. The merry-go-round base spins almost soundlessly when the motor is switched on.

The manufacturers say there will be a slight price drop in china lamps this spring, but metal lamps will cost as much, if not more, than last year. And even in the china lamps, there still will be plenty of intricate \$150 models with elaborate infata shades—for those who prefer delicate china figurines to less expensive composition bases of modernistic fish.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

After a vacuum bottle has held food, rinse it with lukewarm water, then fill with clean, warm, soapy water and shake up, or soak for an hour or so. The U.S. Department of Agriculture advises. Any traces of food should be removed with a bottle brush. Finally, rinse with clean, lukewarm water and then with water containing a little chlorine. Turn upside down to drain, dry and air. Corks and screws should be scrubbed with hot water.

Do not spoil your linoleum with too-frequent cleanings—especially with strong soaps, or you may shorten the life of your floor covering.

Colours Affect Our Health

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, MD

We have all seen colours best described by the word "depressing," but few of us would believe that working in surroundings where such colours predominate could result not only in reduced efficiency but actual physical sickness.

And this may very well be true. Dr. Paul Sengera of Indiana University is convinced of it, finding our poor use of colour in our homes, offices, and factories a clue to much of the irritability, depression and sickness attributed by many to the presence of modern living.

He believes that our emotions and mental health are affected by colours to the same extent as by sounds and odours, and that this emotional disturbance may be reflected in such physical symptoms as headache and

Relaxing Colours

And if certain colours can do harm, others can help. High-strung, emotional people, for example, should work and live in rooms in which the colours are relaxing, while people who tend to be depressed should frequent rooms in which colours are light and stimulating.

For example, in most business offices, the filing cases are dark green, the desks are dark brown, and the walls are a dark colour. It would be better to have light-coloured furniture and light-coloured paint.

In school rooms, it has been found that changes along this line have produced amazing improvement in the work of both teachers and pupils.

Not only must colours be considered, but also lighting. Of course, all places where people work and live must be well lit, with not too much glare. Experiments have been carried out to indicate that blue or white light do not stimulate muscular activity. Green, yellow, and orange increase it to some extent, and red light is particularly effective. These colours seem to have an invigorating effect, both mentally and physically.

Blue and green colours are recommended for reception rooms, waiting rooms and executive offices. In a room where a great deal of work is carried out, warmer peach colours, red, and cream colour may better be employed.

Of course, things which affect the mental and emotional health also have an effect on the physical health. Thus, it would appear important from the standpoint of well-being and efficiency that some attention be given to this matter of colour and lighting.

Your Finest Linens Need Proper Care

By ELEANOR ROSS

NOW is the time that beautiful table linen comes into its own. Housewives who use runners and place mats almost the year round, break out the fine damask as the new season approaches.

Fine table linen is not hard to care for; in fact, linens are easier to wash than other fabrics because linen fibres let go of dirt quicker, coming clean without soaking, boiling or long rubbing. Ten minutes in a washer is long enough. Use water as hot as the hands can stand, possibly two hot sudsing. If there are

grease spots to be removed, Rinse thoroughly in three clear waters.

No special care is required, because linens, unlike synthetic fabrics, are not weakened by being wet. The same brands of washing preparations that have been found satisfactory for other fabrics may be safely used in washing linens. A water softener, particularly the type known as a water normaliser, is recommended in certain sections where water is hard, because it prevents the soap from combining with the mineral in the water to form sticky curds. The softener should be completely dissolved in the wash water before the soap is added. It should be used in the first two rinses, but omitted from the last.

Use Of Bleach

A bottled chlorine bleach, about a cupful to the average size washer or tub, may be used if linens are badly stained. Thoroughly mixed with the soapy wash water before the linens are immersed, it will remove the usual beverage or fruit stains, making it unnecessary to give special attention to each spot separately. Rinse immediately in at least three waters to remove all traces of the bleach. Used properly and rinsed out at once and completely, a bleach is perfectly safe and will not "eat" the fabric. For ordinary soil, however, regular laundering without a bleach will keep linens snowy white.

Washed as directed, linens do not usually need bleaching. But if a bluish cast is desired to give linens a whiter look, the bluing should be well mixed in the last rinse before linens are put in. In fact, this is a good rule for all laundry preparations. Mix well before adding linens.

Some homemakers like the gloss and new-bought look a bit of starch gives, but very little should be used as a stiff finish is both unattractive and detrimental.

Dry Correctly

Drying linens correctly is just as important a factor in assuring long service and lasting beauty as the washing or ironing. Drying linens in the sunshine is, of course, the ideal way. The next best way, particularly in freezing or very windy weather, is over a line indoors, but away from heat. If an automatic drier must be used, the temperature should be kept at room level as near as possible, so that the drying is done, not by heat, but by the circulation of air.

Hang both cloth and napkins folded over the line. Hanging by the corners makes them out of shape, pulling the corners into peaks that are not easy to iron out square again. A pinch piece is placed on the line, the fingers should be run down the hem to straighten them out.

Hair Needs Frequent Brushing

Courtesy Fuller Brush Co.

A spiral brush is excellent for doing a really thorough job. Use it with a rotary motion and a twist of the wrist.

By HELEN FOLLETT

NO matter what kind of a hairstyle a girl wears, one beauty care is necessary. The glorious crown must have frequent brushings. It must be shampooed often, and the scalp massaged and kept in an immaculate state. You can't have style without sheen. If the hair is neglected, it has a sad look, as if the shafts were only half alive. It doesn't stay put. When one tries to arrange it, it has tantrums, flies every which way. Brush it well every night and you will see how nicely it will behave. For this, a spiral brush is excellent. Use it with a rotary motion and a twist of the wrist.

One is all too likely to place the blame on the permanent when the head looks messy, or fancy that the shampoo medium is too drying. All the poor thatch needs is a little petting and loving care. If the

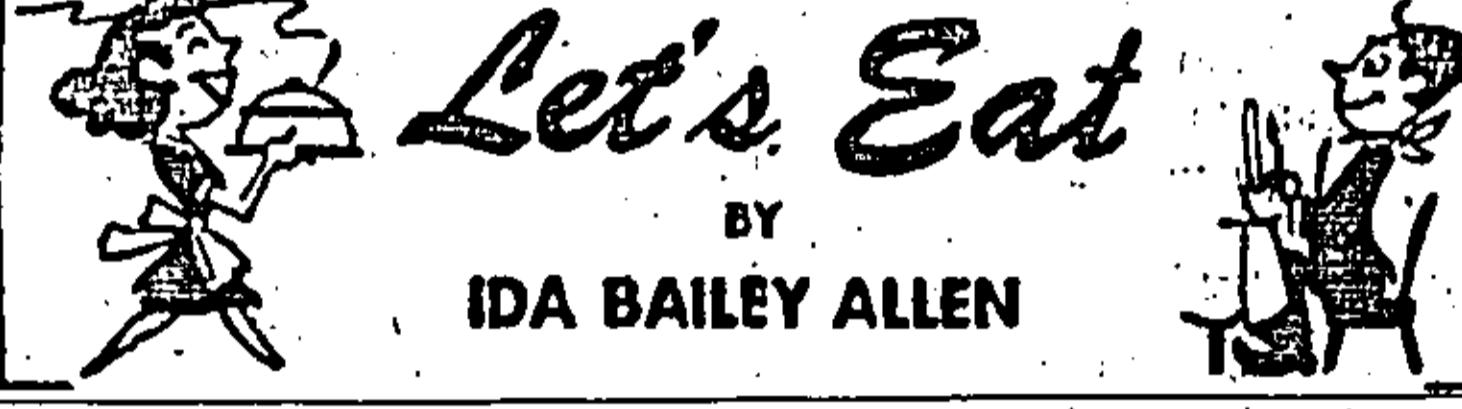
growth is healthy and well kept almost any hairstyle will look neat, be smart.

The trend, of course, is towards simpler coiffure arrangements.

That's good news to the busy ladies who have little spare time. Cluttered curl effects are definitely out, an are the frizz tops.

Preferably, especially for young women, hair should be fairly short, three or maybe four inches. But if the longer bob is worn, an attempt should be made to comb it into an arrangement that avoids heaviness at the shoulders.

With tresses smooth and shining bright, forehead arrangements are coming into fashion. You can have soft bangs with a single wave line, or the ends turned under. Or, you can form a forward moving wave line that dips ever so slightly.



BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

A "Different" Main Dish

WITH meat high in price, and Chef. "The homemaker can learn to promising to be high for some time to come, there is a tough problem to be solved by the homemaker whose husband will eat only steak, chops or roasts."

"What about a nice casserole or stew?" asked the Chef.

"A confirmed steak-and-potato man will turn up his nose at it, or eat it merely from a sense of duty."

"What about the liver, and the sweetbreads, the tripe and the kidneys?" continued the Chef.

"Most men consider them strange and foreign concoctions," I answered, "not in the class with a juicy steak, a chop or a cut of roast beef."

The Chef bristled; his high bonnet seemed to rise in resentment.

"You mean to tell me that the liver and the sweetbreads, the kidneys, the tripe and the kidneys en brochette are mere concoctions? Why, they are the vital organs of the meat animal, fit for the gourmet, the gastronome and excellent for the health."

Doesn't Want Change

"I agree with you, Chef. But if a man has formed the steak and potato habit, it's hard to change him. He's balky as a mule and doesn't want to change."

"Then so much the worse for him," he grumbled.

"Now wait a minute, Chef. Of course in way he's already penalised, because he has to pay high meat bills on account of his limited taste."

And the wife and children are also penalised because money needed for many other necessities is spent for over-expensive meat."

"Perhaps we can give some suggestions to the homemaker by which she might gradually induce him to make more extensive his choice of meats," ventured the Chef.

"First, let's consider what appeals most to a man in broiled steaks or chops or a roast," I suggested.

"Undoubtedly it's the rich brown outer surface combined with the tender juicy meat. Then, of course, he often puts a condiment on the meat itself such as ketchup, chili sauce or Worcestershire."

Limited Selection

"Well, Madame, we can give him these same flavours in a beef casserole with rice sauce and a limited selection of vegetables. From this we can progress to a veal goulash, and introduce other vegetables. We will flavor these dishes with the different condiments to give the taste he likes, and we will not make these dishes soupy. Always they will appear to be a nice brown meat with a sauce, neatly served with attractive looking vegetables. And always the meat will be as tender as a good steak."

"That's a fine idea, Chef. What we will really do is cook or braise well browned meats until fork-tender in a delicious sauce, well seasoned with a condiment and the delicate flavours of the vegetables cooked with it. We will garnish such as peas or carrots, cooked separately to keep their colour, and we will serve it on dinner plates."

"If he is a healthy man he will enjoy such a dish," commented the

Chef. "The homemaker can learn to use a variety of less expensive meats in different ways, and then the steak or the roast can be occasionally served without too much disturbing of the budget."

Citrus Fruit Juice

Beef Casserole with Vegetables and Spaghetti and Celery Slaw

Dark Bread

Chocolate Chip Puffs Vanilla Sauce Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

All Measurements Are Level

Recipes Serve Four

Beef Casserole

Cut 1½ lbs. chuck or round of beef into 1½" cubes. Roll in flour and slow-brown in 4 tbsps. meat drippings or use beef suet. Meanwhile, the sweetbreads, aux champignons, the tripe à la bordure, the kidneys en brochette are mere concoctions? Why, they are the vital organs of the meat animal, fit for the gourmet, the gastronome and excellent for the health."

"First, let's consider what appeals most to a man in broiled steaks or chops or a roast," I suggested.

"Undoubtedly it's the rich brown outer surface combined with the tender juicy meat. Then, of course, he often puts a condiment on the meat itself such as ketchup, chili sauce or Worcestershire."

"Then beat vigorously with an egg beater. This will keep two weeks in a covered jar in the refrigerator."

Cooked Salad Dressing

Melt ¼ c. butter or margarine in a double boiler. Sift in 3 tbsps. sugar, 4 tbsps. flour, ½ tsp. dry mustard, a few grains cayenne pepper and 1½ salt. Beat and add 2 eggs (Grade A or B) and stir in 1½ c. soured milk or buttermilk, or sweet milk. Cook and stir over hot water until thick, like a custard sauce. Then slowly stir in ½ c. elder vinegar mixed with ¼ c. hot water. Return to the heat and cook and stir until the mixture thickens again. Then beat vigorously with an egg beater. This will keep two weeks in a covered jar in the refrigerator.

Chocolate Chip Puffs

Into a good-sized sauce pan measure 1/3 c. shortening or margarine, or ¼ c. lard. Stir until smooth, then cream in 1 c. sugar and 2 well-beaten eggs (Grade A or B). Sift together

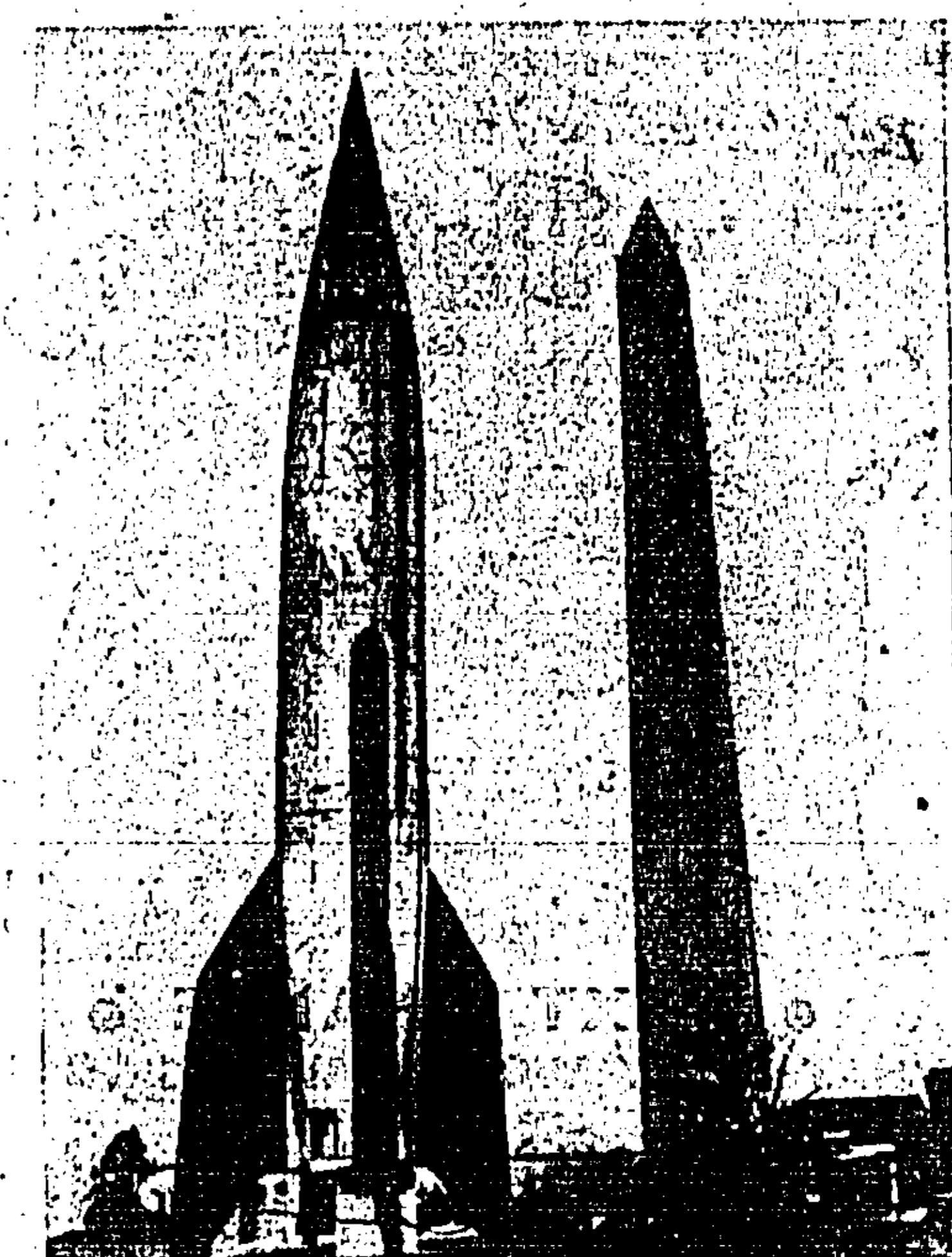
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



SEARCHING FOR RED ARMS—A Milan policeman uses a mine detector to find Communist arms caches after the authorities had uncovered one of the largest arms hide-outs in Italy since the 1948 elections. The police acted on information given them by a dying Communist. Most of the arms found in the area were useless because of corrosion.



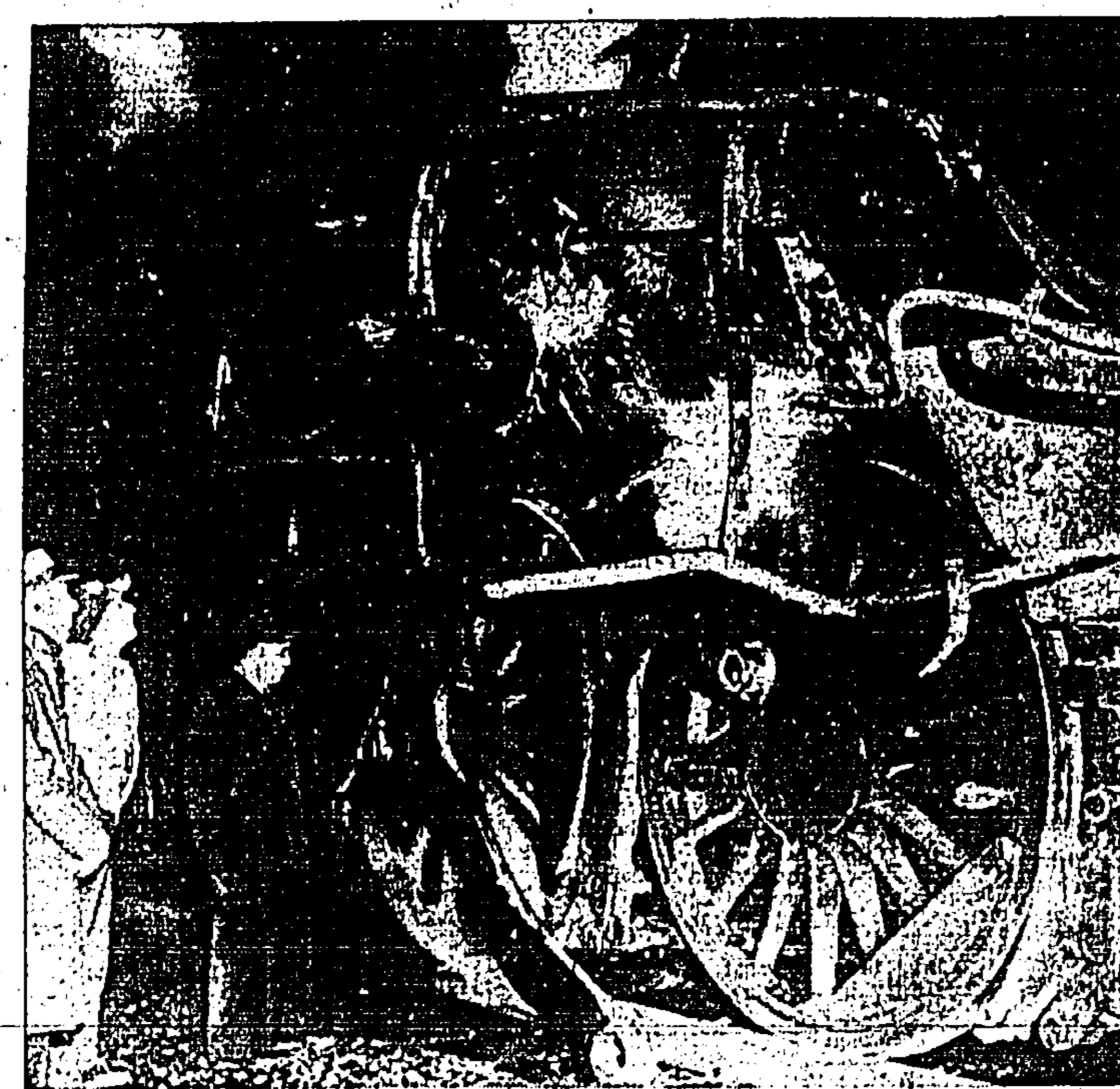
BIRTHDAY DISPLAY—On the birthday of Mahomet, this colourful parade formed part of the traditional celebration in Cairo. These drummers marched through a bedecked square to the parade ground, where they were reviewed by Egypt's Prime Minister, Abdel Hadi, representing King Farouk.



TALL ROCKET—This German V-2 rocket towers in front of the Washington Monument at the armed forces exhibition held in Washington.



WHERE'S THE WATER?—Florida State College co-eds, Jean and Jane Strickland, are ready to take a dive at Cypress Gardens. But like all bathing beauties, they never quite reach the water.



LONG ISLAND INCIDENT—Long Island Railway officials look over the damage done when the rear end of a driving rod came loose on the train's run past Carle Place, New York. None of the train's passengers was injured but railway employees have threatened to strike because, they charge, faulty equipment is endangering their lives. State officials have been asked to inspect facilities.



BARREN CITY—Only light traffic moves past Chiang Kai-shek's headquarters in Nanking these days. Panicky citizens continue to flee the capital as Communist forces press nearer.



CHILDREN'S FUND—Brig. Gen. Carlos P. Romulo, right, chief delegate to the United Nations from the Philippine Islands, presents UN Secretary General Trygve Lie with a cheque for 225,000 pesos at Lake Success. The money was collected under the auspices of the Philippine National Committee for the UN Appeal for Children, to be used for the International Children's Emergency Fund administered by the UN.



COUNT 'EM—Lady, an Irish setter of Chicago, watches the antics of her 13 pups. Mrs. John Kusperek and the proud mother are unconcerned, but we can see only 12 of the three-weeks-old litter.

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A murdered man is found in the street. Doc Rafferty, the police surgeon, notices that he has a glass eye—and it is hidden a tiny microfilm.



Mutiny Of Dutch Troops In Sumatra "Strongly Denied"

The Hague, Feb. 14.—An official Overseas Territories Department spokesman today "strongly denied" a Singapore report that Dutch soldiers in West Sumatra had mutinied.

The spokesman described such reports as Indonesian Republican propaganda.

The Dutch Army weekly review of the fighting in the Dutch East Indies, issued in Batavia, today claimed further heavy losses inflicted on "gangs" of Javanese in mopping up operations.

US Intends "To Do More For Japan"

San Francisco, Feb. 14.—The United States Army Secretary, Mr Kenneth Royall, today declared "we intend to do more" to help Japan get back on its feet.

His statement, in an address before the San Francisco Democratic Luncheon Club, further refuted reports that the United States intended to withdraw from Japan.

Earlier, at a press conference, Mr Royall insisted that he had made no statement in Tokyo indicating that America intended to withdraw occupation forces.

He said he made those two points in talking to correspondents in Tokyo.

He knew of no plans to change the military strength in Japan in any material respect.

It was his opinion that the United States would not be involved in a war in the Orient, but if we were "we can meet all comers."

And again he voiced belief that "war at this time is unlikely."—Associated Press.

RED TEACHERS

Tokyo, Feb. 14.—The education offices of the Tokyo military government team said today that Japanese public school teachers who spread Communist propaganda will be sacked.

Captain Paul T. Dupell stated in Tokyo before the January 23 elections that at least 150 teachers, all Communist Party members, visited pupils' home to distribute anti-democratic literature.

Captain Dupell said the teachers delivered a one-page strongly worded Communist handout which stated that only the Communist Party was in line with the Potsdam Declaration and the education principles of the Far Eastern Commission. The handout also urged parents and teachers not to pay taxes.

The SCAP official said the teachers distributed this leaflet in school time under the guise of "official" home visits.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"If that tastes wrong, blame the radio—I was so afraid that young couple wouldn't know whether iceberggs are made of salt water, that I might have missed part of the recipe!"

ALLEGEDLY FORGED BALANCE SHEET

Evidence At Trial Of R.N. Dockyard Employee

Evidence that a draft balance sheet of the Naval Dockyard Recreation Club, allegedly prepared by the auditors and presented by the accused at a committee meeting, but which was subsequently denied by the auditors, was given by W. E. Jaques, assistant civil secretary of the R.N. Dockyard when the trial of Robert George Stewart, 26, employed by the Admiralty, resumed before Mr Justice Wicks at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Stewart, who was treasurer of the Club from 1946 until July 1, 1948, faces four counts of larceny by clerk or servant, two counts of falsification of accounts with intent to defraud and four alternative counts of simple larceny, involving approximately \$18,000.

Mr M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, assisted by ASP R. H. Woodhead, is appearing for the Crown. Mr Percy Chen who yesterday undertook to represent accused under a scheme by the Bar Association to assist in the defence of poor prisoners, appears for the accused.

Letters To The Editor

Responsibilities Of Israeli

Sir,—Your leading article captioned "Israel's Responsibilities" contains so many misconceptions that I have taken it upon myself to correct them for the record.

In the first place upon the termination of the mandate responsibility for the maintenance of law and order was never transferred to the Arabs who proved hopelessly incompetent, but to the Jews who established an efficient law and order in the conduct of their country's affairs. Says Mr H. S. Crossman:

"The removal of the huge Palestine administration has proved to be a most difficult task, but more order and civil liberty than the population has enjoyed since the Arab revolt in 1936. Most remarkable were despite the appalling state of security in the first year of our existence there has been now for more than thirty miles away, in the absence of tension in every day life. The people are happy, good humourous, the atmosphere is easy, Arab and Druse villages in Western Galilee occupied only a few weeks ago by Jews, schools are open, the olive oil is being picked, even the sunflowers are ripening, without the presence of a Jewish soldier."

In view of what eye witnesses have seen it is hardly fair to conclude that responsible men have failed in their duty to the British Government to implore the British Government to withhold recognition from what you term "the troublemakers". I can quite understand your terming the Arabs as troublemakers, but the fact is that the intelligentsia, whose borders are 200 miles away from Palestine, took the opportunity of attacking a new State which had not experienced the trials of birth. When the Saner Arab State made a mass assault on Palestine, we made no protest was made, or regret expressed in face of this act of belligerency? Why turn the table on the Jews?

If as you say the British Government's action of failing to recognise Israel was largely part of the policy of world recovery, why the disapproval of Churchill, Eden, Crossman, Bevin at this selfsame period? One has only to read the recent speech of Bevin in the parliamentary debate to conclude that your statement is pure moonshine.

You state that the British Government has consistently favored peace and ended the threat. It has not done this. The threat, May I ask, who has threatened the peace, Jews or Arabs? The concerted assault of Egypt is name one of the chief causes of a disturbance to your query. Can you deny it as a fair-minded editor? Are the editors of the Manchester Guardian, the New Statesman and Nation and the New Republic enlightened men when they lay the onus of responsibility not on the Jews than your beloved Arabs?

The anomalous situation created between Britain and Britain in the case of Palestine, to which you refer is surely clear enough to you. Is there sufficient reason for the observer of the political scene to draw the inference that Britain exercises a marked disapproval of Bevin's handling of the Palestine problem? It follows that de jure recognition of Transjordan was based upon the de facto recognition of Israel—and thus love's labour was not lost.

The burden of responsibility toward Palestine is shifting steadily toward the Jews, as you state. This sinecure of termination of the mandate, squarely shouldered by the Jews to good effect the sober manner in which the recent Jewish successes have been accepted by the Jews of Palestine should be their restraint and efficiency as the true guardians of peace in that region. The hope that you express, that the weapons they have manufactured will not yet have already borne fruit. They were solely intended for self-preservation and self-defence. Hence, your conclusion that it is not enough that Jews should refrain from attacking the British, of which you corroborate in full, was the result of Arab aggression and the poor victims have only their own people to thank.

The Director of the famed Mediterranean house, M. Louis Cerezo, arrived in Las Vegas yesterday "to be taught," he said, "the new dignity of modern gambling."—Reuter.

The Jury empanelled comprises five men and two women.

An application by Mr Chen for the accused to sit beside him, in view of the fact that he was not instructed by a solicitor and also that the case involved a certain amount of figures was granted by the Court.

R. G. Onsley, assistant, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank produced four statements of current account of the Dockyard Recreation Club with the Bank. An entry on October 1, 1947, he said, related to a sum of \$6,120 transferred from fixed deposit. On April 20, 1948, \$1,800 was paid in to the account. There was no record of any deposit of \$7,800 made in April.

SECRETARY'S EVIDENCE

W. E. Jaques said the club was re-established in August, 1946. He was its secretary from July, 1947 until August, 1948. Accused was appointed treasurer in 1946 and was re-elected in 1947. He remained in that position until July 1, 1948.

The duties of the treasurer, witness said, were to receive all monies accruing to the club's funds and, with the exception of a small amount for emergency purposes, to pay the money into the club's account with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. The treasurer was also authorised to make payments, and in December, 1947, it was decided by the committee that large amounts be paid by cheque.

Three members of the committee were authorised to sign cheques which must bear the signatures of any two of these members. The persons so authorised were himself, as the chairman, and the accused, as treasurer.

AUDITORS' DENIAL

At a committee meeting held on September 16, 1947, accused presented a financial report showing a balance in hand of \$2,743.43, in addition to \$6,000 placed on fixed deposit with the bank. Another report, showing a balance of \$1,644, was presented by accused on December 9, 1947.

At another committee meeting held on June 29, 1948, witness said that accused produced a draft of the balance sheet for the previous year, which accused said he had received from the auditors, Messrs Percy Smith and Company. A net profit of \$10,243 was shown. Subsequently he received a letter from the auditors, witness continued, in which they stated that the draft accounts in question were not prepared by them nor were they produced for their inspection.

The trial is proceeding.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.C.T. Programming Summary, 601. "Fan Fare," A Variety Programme with Johnny French, Sydney Williams, Samora and the Singers, Geraldo, Dancer, Orch., and Singers. (ONBTS); 620, Cantiones by Italo Givone (Studio); 630, The New Playday, News and News Orchestra; 630, The New News and News Orchestra; (London Relay); 715, "See Tee" (Alston Woods (Studio); 722, Interlude, 726, "The Gay 'Nineties" presented by Alston Woods (Studio); 8, "From the Capri" (Editorial); (London Relay); 8, Queen's Hall Light Orchestra; (ONBTS); 840, "Goodbye to the Capri" (Title); "The Curse of the Capri" (BBC); 918, Light Piano Parade; 923, "Trial by Fury" Gilbert and Sullivan (Studio); 930, The New Playday, News and News Orchestra; (London Relay); 722, Interlude, 726, "The Gay 'Nineties" presented by Alston Woods (Studio); 8, "From the Capri" (Editorial); (London Relay); 8, Queen's Hall Light Orchestra; (ONBTS); 940, "Goodbye to the Capri" (Title); "The Curse of the Capri" (BBC); 918, Light Piano Parade; 923, "Trial by Fury" Gilbert and Sullivan (Studio); 930, The New Playday, News and News Orchestra; (London Relay); 1015, Weather Report; 1016, "Music in Miniature" (BBC); 1115, Weather Report and Close Down.

Dignity Of Gambling

Las Vegas (Nevada) Feb. 14.—Cmp. the American dice game, will be played in Monte Carlo this autumn for the first time in the history of the casino.

The Director of the famed

18 Months For Kwok Kwong

Sentence Passed On PWD Foreman

(Continued from Page 1)

fects of an antiquated system which should be immediately rectified.

"But Kwok was not a young man. He was a man who worked for 25 odd years in the P.W.D. was schooled in the system where there were masters, and men and the word of a master was a word that could not lightly be disobeyed or disregarded. That era is passing.

"Kwok did not understand because he had not been taught that even the 600 yards of wire which he used at the Cathay Pacific was apparently his property, because it was property which was bought by taxpayers' money. In Hongkong. Therefore Kwok did not understand the ultimate trust which reposed in the lowliest employee that he must safeguard that property of the community to the best of his ability and endeavour in every way to protect that property.

NEW KIND OF CASE

"This is a new kind of case. It is a case which in other countries is used for certain purposes to demonstrate to the public at large and that section of the community, a member of whom is the man in the dock, what they are expected to do in the future.

"I think that Kwok will have suffered enough. This man is a worker, not a man of high intelligence—not even as high intelligence as his brother who gave evidence here. He is a man probably with little imagination. His wife is in Court and his mother is in Court. They are not freshly dressed people as you can see and they are not the kind that would encourage Kwok to commit crimes in order that they might live and look better."

Mr Chen said that Kwok's mother was of the old type with bound feet and was characteristic of the Chinese and the characteristic which she had probably embedded in the mind of her son was loyalty, and it was probably this loyalty which had perhaps got Kwok into this unhappy position.

Mr Chen said that Kwok had been in custody since August 11 last year. He was refused bail on the ground that as a Chinese he could slip over the border very easily. "That to my mind is no reason for denying bail to Chinese in Hongkong because for a hundred years it has been easy for Chinese to slip over the border. Still, that is neither here nor there," said counsel.

LOST REPUTATION

Mr Chen added that Kwok had been suffering the uncertainties of what might be the outcome of his fate for eight months nearly. He had lost his good reputation and even the prosecution had stated that he was a man of good character. He had lost the fruits of his career or the occupation in which he worked for so many years.

Concluding, Mr Chen said that he thought this was a case where justice could be tempered with mercy and in that way they could get justice. Kwok had lost his pension, he had lost everything.

Mr A. Hoo on (Crown Counsel) who prosecuted, replying to his Lordship said he had nothing to do with the Court on the question of sentence.

His Lordship, in passing sentence, said that he had listened to the more eloquent plea of Mr Chen on the accused's behalf but he could not overlook the seriousness of this type of crime. All Government servants were in a position of trust but even the laxity of the system as the case of the P.W.D. was no real excuse for crimes of this type.

"However I will take into account the fact that Kwok has been of good character up to the date of this case and the fact that he will lose his pension and his job and the fact that he has been in custody since August 11 last year. Therefore the sentence of this Court is that Kwok be imprisoned for eighteen months with hard labour on each of the five counts the sentences to run concurrently."

RECRUITING GOES ON APACE

Registration for voluntary service in the Colony in time of emergency continued at Volunteer Headquarters this morning with a steady stream of applicants. A number of Chinese who were handed forms yesterday to fill in returned them this morning completed. There were also quite a lot of Europeans registering.

"Everything is going along much better today and there are not the chaotic conditions like yesterday," remarked an official who added that only about a quarter of the total number had elected for the Spec. Constabulary.

A list is being prepared of the number of former Volunteers rejoining and the number of new Europeans and Chinese who have signed on for the Defence Force.

Forms for registration will be available at the HKCC, Club Lusitano, Club de Recreio and Kowloon CC for members only and as from 2 p.m. today, registration will be only at Headquarters in Garden Road.

Up to 9 o'clock last night 800 registration forms had been filled in.

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BEVIN SEES M. SADAK
London, Feb. 14.—Mr Neemuddin Sadak, the Turkish Foreign Minister, called on the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, this afternoon at the Foreign Office for a review of the international situation with special reference to Turkey's relationship to the Atlantic Pact.

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS •

• MCKENNEY ON BRIDGE

In Either Bridge
Or Gin, All Is All

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

ONE of the neatest boys on Broadway is Billy Bruce, who has coached many of America's outstanding singers. His biggest thrill, outside of "going gin," is to see some youngster make the top of the ladder of success.

Although bridge stories generally cannot be repeated with the same effect as when they originally happened, I want to tell you one about Billy. We finally got him in a bridge game, and today's hand came up.

In response to Billy's opening two-bid, my four no trump was made to show two aces. When Billy bid five hearts, I assumed



CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. The bones.
2. William Pitt (the younger), who became Prime Minister at 24.
3. Heinrich Heine.
4. Walk, trot, canter, slow-gait, and rack.
5. Over 100 years.
6. Rio de Janeiro.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

King Nep Had a Little Friend

—He Was an Indian Boy Named Hiawatha—

By MAX TRELL



Beside King Nep sat an Indian boy.

AS Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, walked past the grove of pine trees and came near the brook at the shady spot where it moved slowly among the rocks, they heard two voices.

One of voices they recognised at once. It belonged to their small friend King Nep. The second voice they never heard before. It was soft and very low and sounded as though the person who was speaking didn't care to say very much.

Mossy Bank

Knarf and Hanid came closer to the brook. Under the mossy bank, they found King Nep dressed as usual in his green suit, sitting with his tiny legs curled under him and touching the flowing brook now and then with his three-pointed cane. Beside him sat (and this was quite surprisingly) an Indian boy, dressed in deer-skin and moccasins with a bow and a quiver of arrows in his hand.

As soon as King Nep caught sight of Knarf and Hanid, he waved to them merrily and bade them come over. "This is my old friend Hiawatha," he said. Hiawatha nodded his head gravely. But Knarf and Hanid were astonished and delighted to meet so famous an Indian.

"Did I ever tell you?" King Nep said, after Knarf—and Hanid had taken their place under the bank that Hiawatha used to go fishing in this brook long, long before you or your father or your grandfather, or your grandfather's grandfather lived here!"

Again Hiawatha nodded gravely. "Tell Knarf and Hanid how you used to go fishing here," King Nep asked Knarf.

Made of Iron

"Sometimes I did," said Hiawatha. "But it was not a hook like people use nowadays; a hook made of iron. My hook was made out of a curved bone which I made myself. And sometimes, late at night, I would come here with a flaming knot of wood, and catch fish by spearing them. But all that was long, long ago, when only the Indians lived in this great country."

Just then Knarf and Hanid heard Mother calling out that it was time for dinner. "Will you let us go fishing with you someday?" Hanid asked Hiawatha.

"And show us how to catch fish with a bow and arrow?" asked Knarf.

"Of course, he will! He'll be glad to!" King Nep exclaimed. "Won't you, Hiawatha?"

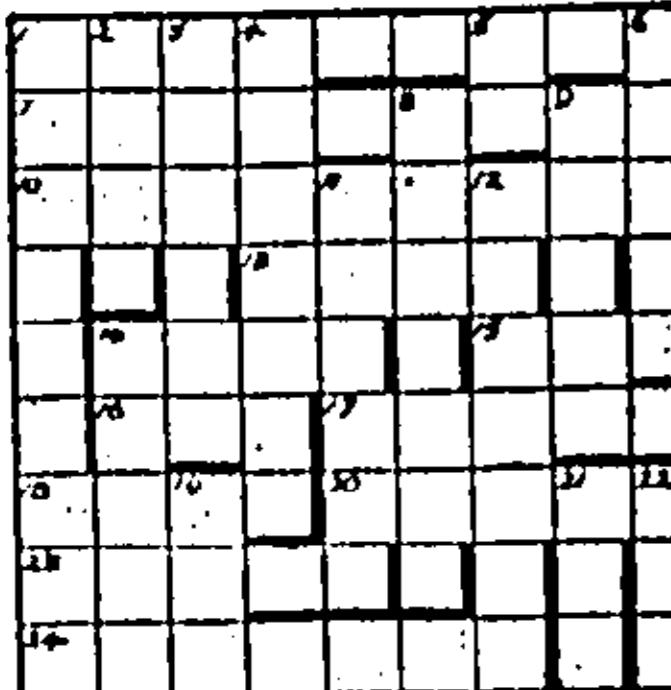
There was a slight rustle among the cat-tails and the leaves along the bank and when King Nep looked around Hiawatha was gone.

"We're glad we met him anyway," Knarf and Hanid said. Then they bade goodbye to King Nep and hurried off to dinner.

Rupert's Elfin Bell—11



CROSSWORD



- Across
1. This stage of culture came between the use of stone and of iron implements. (3)
2. Art of favouring. (9)
3. Always spotted in the game. (8)
4. Egg. (4)
5. With whom you wash. (4)
6. Misery, reputedly, keep them closed. (5)
7. A bit, a tint. (4)
8. Usually a pleasing expression. (8)
9. See 1 Down
Down
1. And 24. These are not necessarily the best known in Belgium. (8)
2. Nit. (3)
3. Bird that looks like an ostrich. (7)
4. Bird who despatches the positive polo. (2)
5. Where the nose is not. (6)
6. What rubbish it is. (6)
7. By then the student hopes to have passed his examination. (6)
8. Postal attachment. (5)
9. Courtesy title. (3)
10. Container. (3)
11. See 22. See 20. Across.
12. Natural. (3)
13. Trademark. (3)
14. Hand. (3)
15. Sticks. (4)
16. Small. (3)

Solution of yesterday's crossword:—Across:
1. Tropicana. 2. G. Nifro. 3. Glare. 4. Tudor. 5. Daffy. 6. Sill. 7. Fable. 8. Coal. 9. Lava. 10. Devil. 11. Institute. 12. Natural. 13. Trademark. 14. Hand. 15. Sticks. 16. Small. 17. Acute.
Down:
1. Natural. 2. Trademark. 3. Hand. 4. Hand. 5. Sticks. 6. Small. 7. Acute.

RED RYDER



A Wasted Man



BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

RETURNING to the question of soft music in banks, I think it important to make the grilles behind which the lady cashiers stand more romantic. They should be rose-twined lattice.

On the approach of a client, the girl would lean out provocatively and throw him a rose. He would then present his cheque dreamily.

Cashier (mischievous): My mother told me not to accept cheques from strange men, but, of course, this is strictly business, isn't it?

Strabismus on the Amazon (XII)

(From Professor Blatteaux)

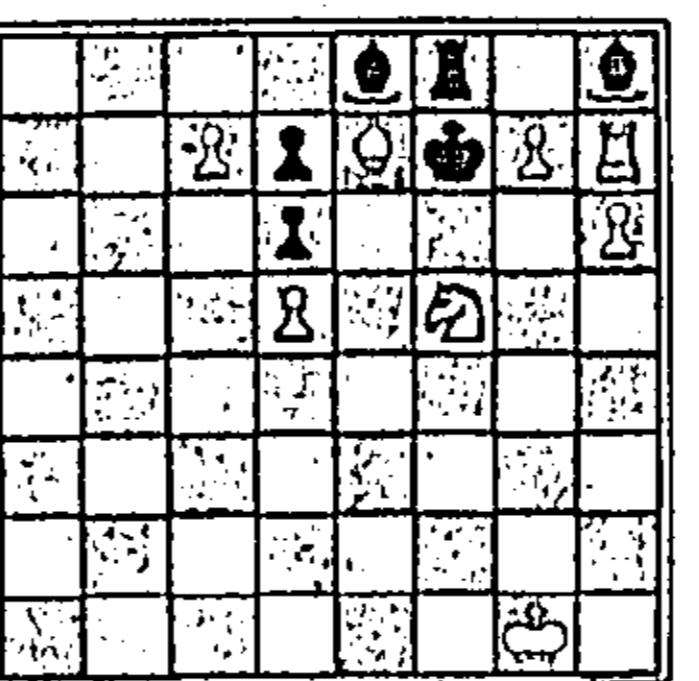
NO progress today, Strabismus indisposed after being made a member of the Itzokrasi tribe, with the title of One-Eyed Horse In The Sunset. The usual pipe of peace, offered by Chief Wanabipalzi, who traces his descent from the tree-enters of Mt. Popakatinakell, made the Doctor sick. Howdy shot hisastpana, and

we made a brooth, which restored our leader to health as evening fell. Our guide says we are entering the haunts of the huacapi, and may any day hear its peculiar call. It is described as an owl-like bird with a parrot's head, and the Doctor has decided to construct two wooden figures—an owl and a parrot—to lure the bird from its nest. While it is wondering which is its mate, down will come a huge butterfly.

(Tomorrow—Book Parade.)

CHESS PROBLEM

By W. PAULY
Black, 6 pieces.



White, 8 pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q—B8, any; 2. Q, B, or K mates.

YOUR BIRTHDAY..... By STELLA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

BORN today, you are very progressive. You always are thinking up new ways to do everything. In making new discoveries and this will not fall into the error of trying to do what also be of great aid and assistance in science. Even mechanics and engineering are appealing and good.

Very fond of music, it is likely that you will have some very definite talent in one of the fields—probably instrumental. If so trained, to an exclusive extent, not making as much wish to select music as your profession. It is likely that many friends outside, perhaps as you even here you would show your should. Your marriage should be a individuality and belong to the very happy one.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday and be especially good in expert-star and read the corresponding mental work; for your analytical paragraph. Let your birthday star mind would be able to make classi-be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—**LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23)—An energetic day for all workers. Continue yesterday's activity. Make those in selling, wholesale and retail, the most of every advantage. Strike while the iron is hot. Get results. Should make good progress now.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—**VERGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Advertising and promotion pay off. General business affairs are good. Employees seem to be especially excellent dividends. Complete contract or an agreement, already favoured at this time, also.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—An unexpected journey may prove to be something of a hazard. But strict control today, otherwise observe caution and all will be well.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May. 21)—Be sure of where you are going. Don't be disappointed if well-meaning friends exaggerate in optimism. Be patient.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Not a very good day—the balance is on the poor side. Be careful if you want to step up detail work to avoid errors.

CANCER (June 23-July 22)—The tide appears to have turned against you for now, so be very cautious in any important decisions which comes up.

BY FRED HARMAN

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

23 Nations Begin Trade Talks

Geneva, Feb. 14.—Delegates from 23 countries, including the United States and Russia, opened trade talks here today at the first meeting of the newly-formed Trade Committee of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

Gunnar Myrdal, of Sweden, ECE director, told the representatives of fourteen Marshall Plan countries and nine "iron curtain" governments: "One thing about which there is unanimity in Europe is that increases in intra-European trade are important."

The Ukrainian delegate, Vasili Garbozov, told the meeting: "We came prepared to consider concrete problems and hope that other delegates have done likewise."

Russia and five other eastern European delegations lost a move to hold the sessions in public. The Committee voted eleven to six for private meetings after Paul G. Porter, chief United States delegate, had told delegates that there was nothing to hide from the public, "but we believe we will have more to tell them if our remarks are addressed to each other."

The Committee will consider the development of both bi-lateral and multi-lateral trade between eastern and western Europe and the currency problems which hinder such trade.

ECE experts claim that intra-European exchange must be doubled or trebled before the economic needs of the countries concerned can be met.

The eastern European countries represented include Austria, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, the Ukraine, and Yugoslavia.

Marshall Plan countries represented include Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States.—United Press.

Wool Price Increase At Melbourne

HONGKONG SHARES

This morning's turnover on the Stock Exchange was \$113,321.00.

TRANSACTIONS AND NOMINAL PRICES:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

GOVT LOANS 102

35% (1940) 101 1/2

BANCS 1820

INSURANCES 710

Underwriters 520

DOCKS, ETC. 100 G 100

K. Wharf 60 G 137 1/2

Dock 28 1/2 27 1/2

President 11 1/2 12 1/2 11 1/2

Shel Dock 500 G 500 G 11 1/2

LAND, ETC. 12 1/2 16

HK Hotel 64 67 1/2 105 G 65

HK Land 319 300 100 G 65

Humphreys 14 1/2 14 1/2 200 G 14 1/2

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Star Ferry 14 1/2 15 20 11

C. Light (Pta) 500 G 500 G 35

Electric 1000 G 1000 G 35

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Argentine Peso (Unofficial) ... 2.003

Australia ... 323 1/2

Brazil ... 2220 1/2

Canada ... 22 1/2

Chile ... 4230

England ... 4.03 1/2

Fiji ... 10 1/2

India ... 2224

Mexico ... 1450

New Zealand ... 4.02

Peru ... 2074

Portugal ... 4024 1/2

South Africa ... 2785

Switzerland ... 2510

Reds Failing In Endeavour To Sabotage ERP

OPTIMISTIC REPORT FROM PRESIDENT TRUMAN

Washington, Feb. 14.—Communist efforts to defeat the European Recovery Programme, although "well-backed with talent and money," are failing, President Truman told the Congress today in an optimistic report.

The report of recovery operations of the Economic Co-operation Administration for the second quarter ending September 30, 1948, noted: "The Communist propaganda drive is powerful, constant and well-backed with talent and money. There are signs that the anti-recovery efforts of the Communists, including their propaganda campaign, have not come up to expectations."

The report reached the House and Senate committees both of which were considering legislation to authorise the recovery agency \$5,680,000,000 for operations during the 15-month period ending June 30, 1950. The President's report said that Europe must earn its own way, but not at the cost of disease and unrest among its citizens.

Mindzenty Trial Rated As "Unfair"

British Minister's Conclusion

London, Feb. 14.—The British Minister to Hungary, Mr Alexander Helm, had reached a "firm conclusion" that the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty had "no resemblance to a fair trial in the terms understood in Britain," Mr Hector McNeil, Minister of State, told the House of Commons today.

This, Mr McNeil said, was particularly due to the fact that the "entire resources of the State were used before and during the Cardinal's detention to create pre-judice against him."

Sir Henry Morris Jones, National Liberal and a doctor, asked whether the Cardinal's behaviour during his trial was not consistent with the administration of a drug which paralysed all will and all consciousness.

Mr McNeil replied that the Cardinal's behaviour after his arrest and in court certainly compared most surprisingly with his behaviour beforehand.

Mr McNeil added that the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr Ernest Bevin, agreed with the conclusion of Mr Helm.

MP'S REQUEST

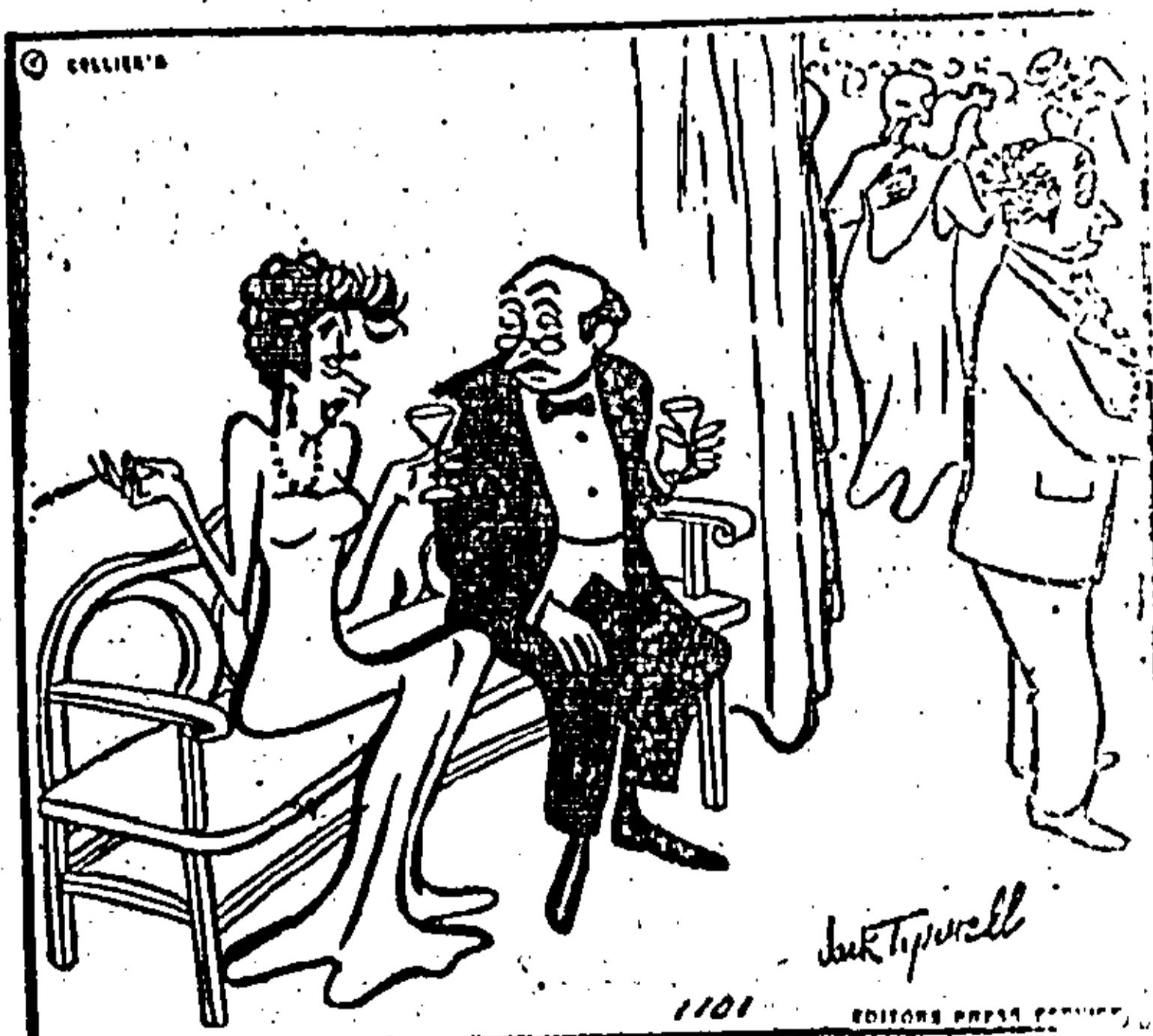
Pressed by a Conservative Member, Mr Christopher Hollis, to break off economic relations with Hungary, Mr McNeil replied that the Hungarian Government would "no doubt themselves realise that their behaviour has aroused in this country much indignation which might find many means of expression."

The British Government, he added, would "naturally consider all courses of possible future action in regard to Hungary and other countries guilty of similar behaviour."

Mr John Boyd Carpenter, another Conservative, said that Britain should use the veto to prevent Hungary's election to the United Nations until Cardinal Mindszenty was released.

Mr McNeil replied that Britain had recently told the United Nations Assembly that she would in no circumstances use the veto to bar the admission of any State which secured a majority of seven votes in the Security Council.

That did not imply that Britain would necessarily vote for Hungary's admission, he added.—Reuter.



"I never know what I'm saying—I just talk to keep the conversation alive."

Linda And Tyrone Cut The Cake



Linda Christian and Tyrone Power cut their wedding cake at reception in the home of U.S. Ambassador James C. Dunn in Rome, Italy, following their wedding there. The film couple were married in the little church of Santa Francesca Romana in a setting that vied in colour with that of a movie extravaganza. — AP Picture.

"Housekeeper" For US Govt Proposed

Hoover Commission Recommendations

Washington, Feb. 14.—The Hoover Commission today proposed that the Government be given a housekeeper.

The Commission recommended to Congress that an Office of General Services be created. This would be one way to streamline the executive branch and make it more efficient, the Commission said. Supply records, management and operation of public buildings would be centred in this new office, according to the Commission, which said these three activities "now suffer from lack of central direction."

The Commission, headed by ex-President Herbert Hoover, said in the third of 15 reports which it will make to Congress before March 13: "There activities are carried on in several places within the executive branch with varying degrees of adequacy. Unless they are adequately managed, the executive branch cannot be effectively managed."

PURCHASING PROGRAMME

Emphasising that the function of supply alone was a big business, the Commission said it was estimated the Government would spend more than \$6,078,000,000 on purchases during the fiscal year 1949. Civilian supply purchases alone totalled \$900,000,000 a year, despite goods in storage throughout the country with an estimated value of \$27,000,000.

The Commission said that by controlling policy-making and coordination of supply activities in the proposed Office, the Treasury Department's Bureau of Federal Supply could be abolished as inefficient, expensive and generally unsatisfactory.

Agencies located in Washington have to get their supplies through this bureau, but use of its field facilities is voluntary. The proposed new housekeeping bureau would assign responsibility for purchase and storage of commodities to the agency best suited to buy them for all.—United Press.

Power Stations For Australia

Canberra, Feb. 14.—Australian Federal and State Ministers agreed in conference here today to begin the immediate construction of 20 hydro-electric power stations in the Snowy River Valley, south of the Federal capital.

The project will take about 25 years to complete, will provide Australia with its largest hydro-electric power supply of approximately 1,750,000,000 kilowatts, and will cost £105 million.

A major defence plan is linked with the scheme, including the creation of a new defence production area specially protected against atom bomb attacks. Huge power stations and immense factories will be constructed far underground.

The Federal Minister for Works and Housing said the country's electric power resources must be developed in the least possible time.—Reuter.

WEYGAND DENIES ALLEGATIONS BY ZILLIACUS

KRAVCHENKO LIBEL SUIT

Paris, Feb. 14.—A letter from General Maxime Weygand was read by the presiding judge when the hearing of the Kravchenko libel suit was resumed today.

The letter denied allegations by Mr Konni Zilliacus, British Labour Member of Parliament, that the French Army in Syria in 1940 sought more to fight Russia than to defeat Germany. It also denied that when Zilliacus went to Syria he had seen only maps for attacks on the Baku region across the Armenian plateau.

The first witness today was General Ernest Petit, member of the Republican Resistance Party, who was head of a French military mission and had spent more than three years in Moscow during the war.

General Petit said that in his opinion references in Kravchenko's book: "I Chose Freedom" to the Red Army and Air Force, and the descriptions of military operations, were either inaccurate or untrue.

Kravchenko had said that the Red Army fought merely for patriotic reasons and "despite Stalin."

"That is absolutely false," General Petit said. "They fought as they did because they had faith in the future of their country under Generalissimo Stalin's leadership."

and their attachment to the Soviet Government and its institutions. Nearly all Russian soldiers forcibly conscripted into the German Army joined the Allies during the fighting.

Dr Joseph Fleche, 52, said that as a French prisoner of the Gestapo he had met hundreds of Russian prisoners but none of them had chosen freedom at the price of betraying their country.

The hearing was adjourned, after further exchanges by counsel, until tomorrow.—Reuter.

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Disorders Follow Elections

Belfast, Feb. 14.—Stone-throwing and street fighting between the victorious partitionists and advocates of "one Ireland" were reported in rural areas over the weekend following the partitionist victory at the polls on Thursday.

At Downpatrick, County Down, 12 people were injured when the police used clubs against conflicting groups of Nationalists and Unionists. The Jubilant Unionists burned the offices of Ulster's Premier, John Costello, and unsuccessful Nationalist candidates.

In Clonmore, County Armagh, Benban Hall was burned for the third time in recent months. The Unionists, led by an advance guard of pipers, broke up a dance at the Catholic Hall in Fifemiletown, County Tyrone, on the Irish Republic-North Island border. They smashed down the door and marched in singing Unionist Party songs and threw out a Republican orchestra. The police had to escort the Republican band to its side of the border. The burning of haystacks and some breaking of windows were reported from scattered districts.—United Press.

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